Uniform Aging for BSE Sampled Animals



- 20 MONTHS OLD
- Front 2 permanent incisors beginning to erupt



- 2 YEAR OLD
- Two permanent incisors fully exposed
- All other teeth are still baby teeth



- 3 YEAR OLD
- Four permanent incisors exposed
- All other teeth are baby teeth



- 4 YEAR OLD
- 6 Permanent incisors exposed



- <u>5 YEAR OLD</u>
- Eight permanent incisors exposed
- Outside incisors slightly shorter
 All teeth have good length



- <u>6 YEAR OLD</u>
- Permanent incisors are beginning to wear in length
- Gapping is more evident
- Outer incisors are almost even in length



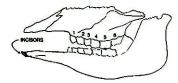
- 7 & 8 YEAR OLDS.
- More evidence of wear on all incisors
- Shorter overall length



- 8+ YEAR OLDS
- Due to the difficulty in accurately aging animals over 8 years, everything older than 7 will be called 8 years old
- Severe wear
- Possibly loose or even missing teeth
- Gapping is usually evident
- Gum recession is evident

Sketches of Uniform Aging For BSE Sampled Animals

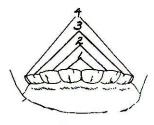
Cattle Dental Formula. (Adapted from Bovine Practitioner, No. 9-74, and "Incisor Tooth Eruption, Development and Attrition," Texas A&M University.)



Upper and lower arcades showing premolars and molars.

1—1st premolar; 2—2d premolar; 3—3d premolar; 4—1st molar;

5—2d molar; and 6—3d molar.



18 months



19 months



Cattle Dental Formula (continued)



20 1/2 months



21 months



22 months



23 1/2 months



